

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to more clearly define the invention as disclosed in the written description. In particular, claims 2, 3, 5, 7, 9, 10 and 13 have been cancelled, while claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of cancelled claims 2, 3, 5, 7, 9, 10 and 13. In addition, claim 19 has been amended such that it is coextensive with claim 1. In addition, the dependencies of claims 4, 6, 8, 11, 12 and 14 have been amended accordingly.

Finally, the claims have been amended for clarity.

The Examiner has finally rejected claims 1-12 and 16-20 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,847,738 to Scognamiglio et al. in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0161545 A1 to Gallagher. The Examiner has found claims 13-15 allowable over the prior art of record.

In view of the above changes, Applicants believe that the Examiner's 35 U.S.C. 103(a) rejection has been overcome.

Applicants believe that this application, containing claims 1, 4, 6, 8, 11, 12 and 14-20, is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

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